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SUBJECT: RHODESIA SHUTTLE: RICHARD'S PLANS

1. I TELEPHONED TONY DUFF AT HOME DECEMBER 29 AS FCO
STILL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY. IVOR RICHARD'S MEETING IN
FCO YESTERDAY WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO SCHEDULING. AS
ITINERARY NOW STANDS, RICHARD (WHO LEFT THIS MORNING
ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH GRENNAN AND MANSFIELD) WILL SEE
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KAUNDA IN LUSAKA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, THEN PROCEED
TO SALISBURY SATURDAY MORNING TO MEET SMITH EITHER
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. (SMITH WAS UNABLE TO SEE RICHARD
THE FOLLOWING WEEK BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE JANUARY 2.)
RICHARD WOULD FLY TO PRETORIA JANUARY 2, THEN ON TO
PORT ELIZABETH JANUARY 3 FOR APPOINTMENT WITH VORSTER.

RICHARD HAS REQUESTED JANUARY 4 APPOINTMENT WITH KHAMA IN GABERONE, AFTER WHICH HE WOULD FLY TO MAPUTO EITHER JANUARY 5 OR 6 AND ON TO DAR ES SALAAM ON JANUARY 7 OR 8. FCO HAS ASKED BRITISH MISSIONS AT EACH STOP TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH ANY NATIONALIST REPRESENTATIVES WHO MAY BE AROUND.

2. DUFF, THOUGH HE KNEW ABOUT RICHARD'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY ON DECEMBER 24, SAID RICHARD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW JUST HOW MUCH DETAIL THE SECRETARY WENT INTO WHEN HE SAW BOTHA THAT DAY, AS THE BRITISH HOPE TO "STAY FAIRLY FLEXIBLE" IN RICHARD'S TALK WITH VORSTER ON JANUARY 3.

3. OWING TO CANCELLATION OF BRITISH CALEDONIAN FLIGHT TODAY I AM TAKING ZAMBIA AIRWAYS TOMORROW ARRIVING LUSAKA AT 0700 DECEMBER 31. WILL TRY TO CHARTER FLIGHT TO SALISBURY ON SATURDAY TO ACCOMPANY RICHARD PER STATE 312034 AND ARRANGE FOR SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO PRETORIA ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 2.

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